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Venice, April 23.

THE extraordinary preparations of the Turks for Sea, have alarmed the several Princes; and we have advice, that the great Master of *Maltha* has commanded all the Ships and Gallies of that Order to return home before the end of *May*; and in the mean time he had caused several Fortifications to be made, and the whole Island to be put into the best posture of defence that could be. We have not as yet any account of the Grand Signiors arrival at *Constantinople*, but that great preparations were making there for his receprion. Our Letters say, that the Grand Signior had resolved to make War against the Moscovites, to take from them that part of the *Ukraine* which they are at present possessed of, as is pretended to the prejudice of the Port. The reports concerning the appearances of a War between the Ottomans and the Persians is without ground.

Genoua, April 28. Yesterday arrived here a Vessel from the *Levant*, who about 25 Leagues off of *Sicily* met 16 French ships and 10 Barks, bound for *Messina*; and we are informed that 8 ships more, and 8 Gallies, are following them.

Hamburg, May 7. The *Munster* Troops, which are to pass over into the service of the King of *Denmark*, have their quarters in several Villages belonging to this City and will not remove from thence so as to march towards *Denmark*, till they have received the Moneys promised them. From *Pomeren* they write, that the *Brandenburg* Troops are everywhere on their march, as also the Imperialists under the command of General *Cops*. The Duke of *Lunenburg* and Bishop of *Munster* will likewise send some Regiments to the assistance of his Electoral Highness, who we are told means at the same time to besiege *Stetin* and *Gripswaldt*.

Cologne, May 7. The Duke of *Neuburg*, as we understand, has ordered the several Garisons in *Duseldorp*, *Juliers*, *Hinsbergen*, *Dueren*, and other his places, which together may make up 8 or 9000 men, to hold themselves ready to march. The *Osnabrug* Troops have orders, as we are assured, to break up the 18 instant, and they as well as the *Neuburgs* will take their march towards the *Meuse*. We wonder much we do not yet hear of the march of the *Munster* and *Lunenburg* Troops, which have wintered in *Wetteravia*, and are to pass into the service of the Crown of *Spain*, for the assistance of the Netherlands. We have Letters from above, which say, that 16000 Imperialists were going to pass the *Rhine* at *Oppenheim*, who are to come down towards the *Moselle*, to join the Duke of *Lorrain*, who will then have an Army of 35 or 36000 men. The Duke of *Lorrain*, we hear, has put a Garison into *Luxemburg*, which the Burghers would at first have hindred, but could not. We have advice, that 400 Croats of the Duke of *Lorrains* Troops have defeated 500 French Horse; but the particulars we yet want.

Spire, May 8. The Imperial Troops, which have wintered in *Suaben*, *Swartewalt* and *Bodenzee*, are all marching towards *Philipsburg*; however the Towns of *Fribourg*, *Offenbourg*, and *Stolhouen*, are yet full of Soldiers, who are to continue under the command of General *Dunewaltin Brisgow*, until the Troops of the Circles come into the Field. General *Vermuller* remains with some Forces about *Strasburg*; and at the same time the Sieur *Monclar* has drawn a Body of French together near *Schlestadt*.

Mentz, May 9. The 7th instant came hither the Electoral Prince of *Saxony*, the Duke of *SaxenLawenburg*, the Commissary General Count *Caplieres*, and other principal Officers, to visit our Elector, by whom they were treated at Dinner, and about five in the evening they returned again to their quarter, which was at *Geraw*; yesterday the Imperial Troops, which are about 20000 Combarants, passed the *Rhine* with their Baggage and Artillery, and encamped between *Laubenheim* and *Nackenheim*, their head-quarter being at *Bodenheim*. To morrow they will decamp again, and march towards the *Mosella*, in order to their conjunction with the Duke of *Lorrain*, who according to our last advices was advanced on the other side of *Luxemburg*.

Conde, May 11. The 3 instant the most Christian King arrived at *Lisle*, where his Majesty remained till the 5, and then parted for *Courtray*, and from thence went and lodged at *Tournay*, where his Majesty continued the next day. The 7. his Majesty arrived here; and the next day the Duke *d'Enghien* and the Duke of *Luxemburg* came hither from *Paris*. Yesterday the King went to *Valenciennes*, to see the place designed for the building of a Cittadel, and returned hither again. The 18 and 19 instant, the King will take a general review of his Forces.

Charleville, May 11. The Imperial Troops, commanded by the Duke of *Lorrain*, have their quarters near *Stein*; their Commissary General has sent a Summons from *Blekingue* to the Inhabitants of the Prevosté of *Ivoy*, that they forthwith furnish and bring to the City of *Luxemburg*, for the use of the *Imperial* Army, 2200 weight of Bread, 1596 *Maldres* of Oats, and 130 Cows; on default of which, they must expect to be pillaged and burnt. Whereupon the Sieur *de Maditz*, our Intendant, has signified to the Sovereign Court of *Luxemburg*, that if the *Imperialists* do execute these Summons, the Villages in *Luxemburg* must expect to be treated in the same manner by our Troops.

Brussels, May 14. The last Letters we had from the Duke of *Lorrain* tell us he was posted betwixt *Luxemburg* and *Montmedy*, his head-quarters being at *Longwy*, a large Bourg; in which, it is said, he found a vast quantity of all sorts of Grain for his Army. It is also written, that the rest of the Imperial Army is marching with all diligence towards him, and that by the 25 instant they will be all joined together, and then we may suddenly expect some considerable action. In the mean time Mareschal *de Crequi* draws all his Troops together ready to oppose them. When the Confederate Troops which his Excellency hath agreed for will be here we cannot tell, having no notice of their march. We are assured by Monsieur *Dickfield*, who arrived here yesterday night from the Princes Army, that the same

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